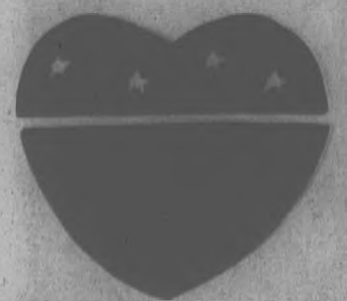


Application Process open for Habitat for Humanity House

The application process is open to those wishing to apply for the Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Elba. The project currently is in the fund raising stages. The lead sponsor of the project is the Elba Rotary Club.

Those families interested in applying for this Habitat for Humanity house should stop by the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, located on Putnam Street in Elba, to pick up an application.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, July 31.



Elba firefighter Wesley DeVane is shown handing a MDA sticker to a motorist last Saturday morning after she made a donation to the department's MDA Fill the Boot fund drive to help "Jerry's Kids." The Elba Fire Department holds the fund drive every year.



Firefighters Wayne Jackson, Jeffrey Fuller and Josh Mack manned the Troy Highway intersection during last Saturday's MDA boot drive. Firefighters along with family and friends were dispatched all across the city at major intersection points to try and raise money for "Jerry's Kids." Their efforts proved successful as more than \$3,000 was raised during the 4-hour event from 8 a.m. - Noon.



Firefighter Randy Hawthorne received assistance from his son, Hayden, during last Saturday's boot drive. Hayden's participation was one of many examples of family and friends helping out.



Firefighters Todd McKee and Alan Willis stood at the downtown intersection of Davis and Factory streets last Saturday morning taking donations for the Fill the Boot drive. During the boot drive, firefighters could be found at most all major intersections in Elba.



Elba resident Jerome Ward is shown making a donation to the fire department's MDA Fill the Boot Drive held last Saturday in Elba. Ward placed his money in a boot being held by Brian Blair, a friend of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. Blair is interested in one day being an Elba fireman and often helps the local department in any way he can. Reportedly, he plans to apply to become a member of the department once he reaches the age of 18, which will be later this month. Several other family and friends also assisted the members of the fire department with last weekend's boot drive.

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New Brockton Town Council approves pay raise for employees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council voted unanimously Monday evening, July 2, to give a cost-of-living raise to employees.

Mayor Charles Cole recommended the council approve a cost-of-living raise for employees in the police and street departments, as well as, to the town clerk. Council member Jeff White made a motion with a

second from council member Richard Driskell to give full-time employees of the police and street departments and the town clerk a 50 cents per hour cost-of-living raise. The motion also called for a 25 cents per hour cost-of-living raise for one part-time employee with the police department.

All council members in attendance voted to approve the motion. Council member Vicky Harrison was not at the meeting.

Following a brief discussion, the council voted to post a sign on Rudd Road indicating the road is closed and motorists travel at their own risk on the road. The closing of the road was an immediate action.

Mayor Cole said the road is a dirt street that is seldom used except by hunters and people going to private property. He said the street department does not have the necessary equipment to clean and keep the road

up for safe travel.

Driskell agreed with the mayor in that the road is used primarily by hunters. He said he did not see where it would be a problem to close the road.

Another road project with much interest in New Brockton is Tyler Street. During the council meeting, Mayor Cole said the road should be ready for travel at least by mid-July if not before.

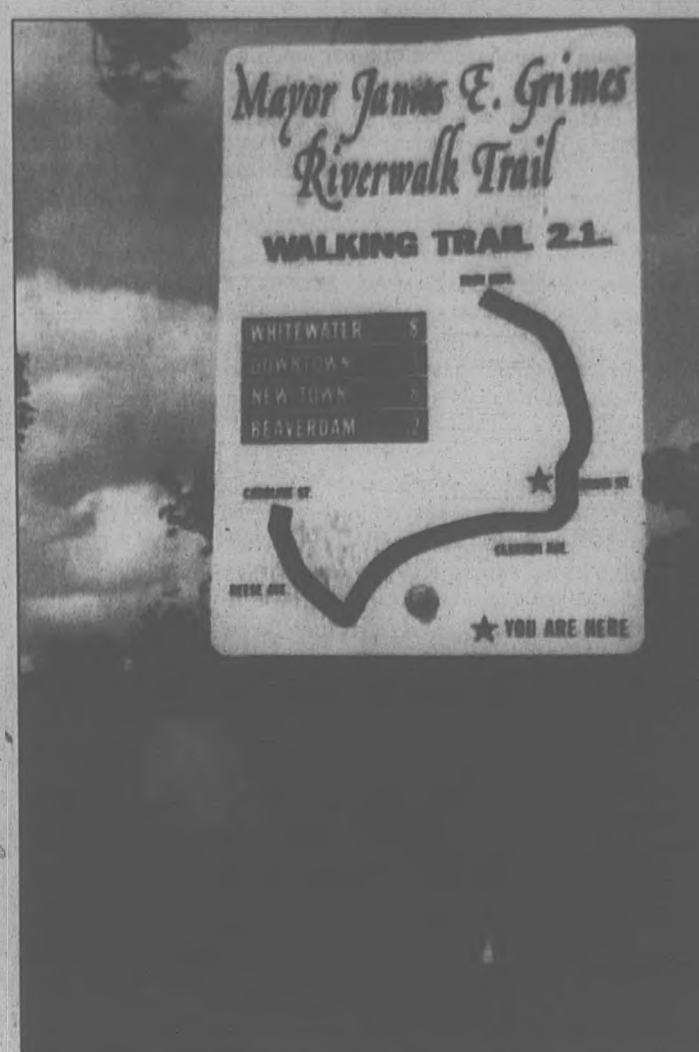
Council members voted to approve Phase II of the Mayberry Place subdivision. White said the contractors are eager to begin selling lots for Phase II.

Council members also voted during the meeting to work with the Red Cross in an effort to get the town hall building designated as a Red Cross shelter, if feasible.

Elaine Roberts, disaster director of operations for Coffee County Red Cross, discussed this issue with the council. She said the town does not currently have a Red Cross shelter, and it would be nice to have one in time of emergency.

Roberts seemed to think the current town hall building (the old armory) would be perfect for a shelter. She mentioned only a few minor upgrades the building might need including handicapped restroom facilities. Roberts told council members

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WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE... As of this week, those taking advantage of the Mayor James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail stop a portion of the levee in Elba can now easily calculate the distance they have walked or will walk from any entrance spot of the trail. The City of Elba placed signs (like the one shown above) at the entrance points for the walking trail earlier this week. Each sign shows the walker her exact location and breaks down the distance from each entry spot in color-coded sections. The entire walking distance of the trail is 2.1 miles.

Elba City Council conducts very brief meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening without Mayor James Grimes who was out of town. Also absent was council member Mike McKee.

Mayor ProTem Ronnie Hammond presided over the short meeting, briefly reviewing the financial statement, getting approval to pay the monthly bills and presenting a resolution for approval.

The resolution approved by the council authorized the mayor to sign an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a transportation enhancement project in Elba. This is commonly called the Downtown Elba project.

Monthly bills totaling \$84,526.45 were approved for payment. Hammond reviewed the list and pointed out to council members the highest accounts and briefly explained what each of these expenditures covered if the purpose was not clear by the vendor name.

Eight months into the fiscal year several categories are already over budget but the overall city

budget is well within the budgeted funds. However total income for the year is down about the amount of cost savings.

Elba man faces multiple charges following assault and abduction

Related complaints and a joint investigation by the Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department last week led to the arrest of a Coffee County resident on multiple charges.

Local law enforcement received complaints Monday evening, July 2, of the abduction and assault of an Elba woman and her minor son. Responding to the complaints, police arrested Ken Allen Cochran, age 39, of 129 County Rd. 515, Elba.

Cochran was taken into custody on County Rd. 248 by Coffee County deputies within a short time of the initial complaint. He was charged with two counts of kidnapping first degree, burglary first degree, and attempted murder.

According to reports, Cochran allegedly kidnapped an Elba

woman and her son. He also reportedly assaulted the woman with a baseball bat.

According to law enforcement officials, Cochran was apparently out of jail on bond on a domestic violence charge when last week's incident occurred.

Cochran's bond was set at \$50,000 with a \$20,000 cash bond on the attempted murder charge; \$20,000 bond on the first degree burglary charge; \$30,000 each on the two counts of kidnapping first degree charges; and \$1,000 bond on a domestic violence third degree charge.

The investigation into this incident continues and Cochran remained in the Coffee County Jail earlier this week.

The victim reportedly is still recovering from her injuries.

County engineer reports brief closing of County Rd. 239 for work

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission conducted a routine and short meeting Monday, July 9, in New Brockton.

In regards to old business, commissioners opened bids for inmate pharmacy services at the county jail. Six companies submitted bids for this services including three local companies.

After all bids had been opened, Commission Chairman Jim Thompson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Doug Dalrymple to table to allow the jail administrator and county attorney to look over all bids. This motion passed by a unanimous vote (Commissioner Bernest Brooks was not in attendance).

Resident Adrian Jerkins addressed commissioners to ask for permission to use one of the sheds on the county complex property for a benefit barbecue later this month. He said the benefit barbecue is for his son who had a stroke approximately two years ago.

Jerkins said he needs a shed for the cooking of the barbecue. Commissioners unanimously voted to allow Jerkins the use of a shed for this benefit barbecue.

County engineer Randy Tindell announced the closure of County Road 239 beginning Tuesday, July 10, to allow for the replacement of a cross-drain pipe. He said the road will be closed for approximately one week depending on the weather. Tindell said detour signs will be posted during this project time.

During his report to commissioners, Coffee County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy R. W. Whitworth said the month of June was very busy for the sheriff's department and July has thus far continued that busy streak.

Whitworth said the jail averaged 162 inmates during the month of June.

Finally, commissioners approved a motion made by

Commissioner J.L. Weeks to rescind a motion made at the last meeting regarding phone system services at the county jail. He said the county is currently under contract and said this matter will be looked at later.

Before adjourning, several commissioners welcomed new

county administrator Kathy Lolley to the job. Monday was Lolley's first official day on the job. She simply observed during Monday's commission meeting.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, July 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton (right) and Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth (left) were guest speakers during a recent Elba Lions Club meeting. The sheriff and chief deputy gave club members a brief update of the going-ons at the sheriff's department and county jail. Sheriff Sutton assured the members that his administration is in control of the jail and continuously working to improve that facility. Lion member L.C. Cook (center) is shown with Sutton and Whitworth.

Area Happenings

Elba Lions Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 a.m. at the Elba Lions Club.

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Johnny Manning joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department approximately 7 years ago.

His special training includes: HazMat, Incident Command, Basic Life Support CPR and AED. He also is currently enrolled in the Firefighter I class through the Alabama Fire College.

Manning said he chose to join the local fire department to "help others and to help my community." He also said the "brotherhood" of being a member is what he enjoys most about being a part of the fire department.

When asked about his most memorable experiences, Manning said it would be the Floods of Elba and the tornado that hit Enterprise earlier this year.

Johnny's family includes his wife, Sherri; four children, Shawn, Kasey, Derrick and



Firefighter Johnny Manning

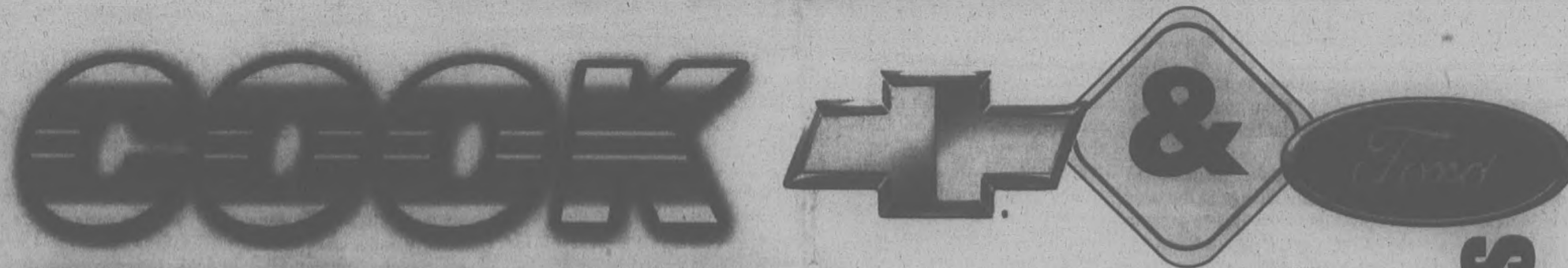
Hannah; and three grandchildren, Cameron, Kelsey and Valeigh-Belle. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

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BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

There is always a deep discussion following a rash of a particular type crime with citizens wondering if the world is "going to hell in a handbasket." History books report the ancient Romans harboring the same type concerns. It is true today with the ongoing reports all across America of pregnant women being killed or just disappearing. Our take on the matter is that it is mostly due to a great increase in "instant news" from a gaggle of sources in every corner of the world. However one can't discount the impact of copycat actions, be they good deeds or violence. The instant news is here to stay so our efforts should be concentrated on spotting the danger spots and taking preventive measures before the women disappear.

Marshall County and 14 other Alabama counties have adopted "limited home rule" through constitutional amendments, called in the legislature "local bills" but ultimately voted on and approved by the citizens of that particular county. Now a group of Marshall County residents are howling and wanting the process reversed. At the same time they vote to vote out of office any official perceived to be abusing the private property rights of the local citizens. They argue about the meaning of a provision of Act No. 2003-200 which (may or may not) authorize the county to abate certain health and safety nuisances in the unincorporated areas of Marshall County. The unrest started when regulations were changed and residents began receiving big multi-thousand dollar fines for violations. While those citizens may not win their battle, it is just this type problem (or fear) which continues to prevent a major rewrite of the Alabama constitution of 1901.

Last week we misspelled the last name of Karl Rove (a "w" instead of the "v") in this column. The realization of the possible mistake came to our simple brain in the middle of the night. At breakfast the next morning while reading the column and confirming our 2 a.m. thoughts, at least two other careless mistakes were spotted. That was enough and we immediately quit rereading the past, since there was nothing that could be done after the papers had been mailed to the four corners of the world. Maybe tomorrow will be better.

Cindy Sheehan, the woman who really launched the ongoing anti-war movement in America after her son was killed in the war, recently announced she was throwing up her hands and leaving the movement. Then before that news settled in "the rest of the story" was revealed. Sheehan is now going to run for the U. S. House from California, against House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, unless Democrat Pelosi introduces articles of impeachment against President Bush. In fact we think Sheehan's deadline for starting the action passed Tuesday. Here Sheehan was the bad girl to the Republicans and other conservatives and now she is offending the California ultra liberal folks by challenging their San Francisco darling. That woman has about as much political future as yours truly.

A baseball pitcher just signed a \$56 million, four year extension on his contract. Let it be known that we are open to such an extension! Or we will swallow our pride and take \$56 million to just "go away". That amount of money can bolster a lot of hurt pride.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 9, 2007, investigated the following incidents: three for assault, one for kidnapping, one for burglary, three for theft of property, two for harassment, one for criminal trespassing, one for unauthorized use of a vehicle, one for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, one for driving under the influence and one domestic disturbance.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment, one for burglary, two for kidnapping, one for driving under the influence, one for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and two for failure to appear. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for violation of the seat belt law, three for speeding, three for no proof of insurance, one for violation of the noise ordinance and one for no tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 2 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 922 Roosevelt Dr. (3:47 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 911 Sunset Blvd. (9:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1929 County Rd. 471 (11:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1237 Forest Lake Dr. (11:56 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of Reynolds St. (7:53 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 248 (9:03 p.m.); Prowler reported in the area of Elba Villas (9:15 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 3 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 2056 County Rd. 415 (12:23 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1698 Hickman Ave. (6:16 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3122 Hwy. 87 N. (9:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 928 Sunset Blvd. (6:04 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (7:43 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Jones Circle (2:32 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (4:12 a.m.); Disturbance (music) reported across from 221 Taylor St. (1:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 498 County Rd. 211 (2:30 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Hickman Ave. (7:45 p.m.).

Visiting the "sweetest place on earth"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Ever wondered how far you would have to travel to reach the sweetest place on earth.

Well, according to the odometer in my sister's vehicle, it's just under 1,000 miles. Or, at least, that's what the folks in Hershey, Pennsylvania told me!



While visiting the Chocolate World attraction in Hershey, Pa. last week, we were able to see the completion of construction of the "largest Hershey Kisses in the world." This was in commemoration of Hershey's ongoing celebration for 100 Years of Hershey Kisses. This monster chocolate product is equal to over 1.5 million every day Hershey Kisses chocolates. It is well above the current record of 15,026 lbs. It took approximately seven days to build by over 100 workers, and was created from 10 lb. blocks of Hershey's milk chocolate (the original Kisses flavor). The Kiss was wrapped in 16,460 ft. of classic silver foil and featured a signature plume indicating "100 Years of Kisses." The largest Hershey Kisses in the World was set to be weighed by Guinness World Records last Saturday, July 7th. The construction was completed during our visit to Chocolate World on Thursday, July 5. The Hershey Company makes more than 80 million Kisses every day. While it is unknown exactly how the Hershey Kisses was named, it is believed the chocolate product was named for the kissing sound made by the machine that produces the Hershey Kisses.

I've been looking forward to visiting Hershey for several months now, and I can now report that it was very much worth the trip.

Our day in Hershey was filled with fun and adventure, and we also learned many interesting facts about the "largest chocolate factory in the world" and its creator, Milton Hershey.

After last week, I'm convinced that every chocolate lover should visit Chocolate World in Hershey. Those folks know their chocolate, and they've got plenty of it.

There was one very cool thing I learned while in Hershey that every person should know. It really is okay to "eat more chocolate...Hershey chocolate that is."

You see...every time we purchase any candies or products created by the Hershey company, we are helping to send underprivileged children to the Milton Hershey School located in Hershey, Pa.

Milton Hershey and his wife created this school many, many years ago for orphaned boys,

and while the school has grown to serve more than just orphaned boys today (the first girl was admitted in 1976 and the school now has about a 50/50 ratio of boys/girls), the basic criteria remains the same. It is for underprivileged children.

The full story behind the school is a remarkable one that I am glad to now know a little bit about. I'm also glad to know that every time I purchase a Hershey bar, I'm helping to keep it going. By the way, the children chosen for the school never have to pay a dime for clothes, tuition, housing, books, etc. while there - the trust set up by Hershey take care of it.

So, remember, eat more chocolate! It's even good for your health.

Milton Hershey lived to be 88 years old. And, he ate chocolate everyday.

Another really good thing to know...chocolate is made 365 days a year at the Hershey factory! Now, as the folks in Hershey say, "Have a SWEET Day!"

Oh yeah, the Dutch country was neat too!

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DONALD WADE STEWART
Mr. Donald Wade Stewart, age 75, of Troy, Ala., died Thursday, July 5, 2007, at Enterprise Nursing Home, Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 7, 2007 at Skeen Funeral Home Chapel, Troy, with Rev. Neal Jackson and Rev. Frank Lowery officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Baptist Church Cemetery with Skeen Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Stewart was preceded in death by his parents; great-grandson, Samuel Williams; two granddaughters, Aimee Stewart, Keesha Vessell; a brother, Robert; and one sister, Lame.

Survivors include his wife: Winnie Stewart, Troy; three sons: Dean Stewart, Moultrie, Ga.; Dale Stewart, Elba, Ala.; Jeff Stewart, Savannah, Ga.; one daughter: Diann Alford, Newnan, Ga.; seven grandchildren: Kayse Williams, Kerri Redding, Kelly Wheatley, Josh Stewart, Paul Stewart, Jessica Stewart and Crystal Mogilinski; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Randy Stewart, Merced, Calif.; Michael Stewart, Pensacola, Fla.; five sisters: Hazel Summers, Chisley, Fla.; Judy Burchfield, Opp, Ala.; Gilberta Jackson, Ina Kate Mitchell, both of Troy, and Elma Jean Carr, Andalusia, Ala.

Memorial services were held July 8, 2007 at Covenant Community Church of Elba with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed services.

John was a student at Elba High School and was a member of the Covenant Community Church. Memorial contributions may be made to: Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous or ALANON c/o The Wiregrass Club, Level Plains, Alabama, or to the Coffee County Chapter of the Humane Society.

John was preceded in death by a sister, Katlyn Jared; paternal grandparents, Wirt and Mary Jared; maternal grandparents, Charles and Dorothy Lindsey; an aunt and uncle, Joann and Harry Ryan; and a cousin, Sheryl Smith.

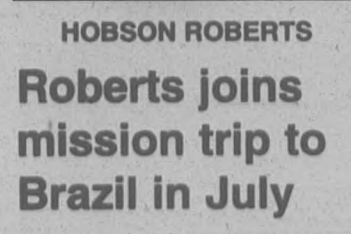
Survivors include his parents: Lindsey Jared and John Michael Jared Sr., Elba; sister: Lindsey Jared and niece, Madison Jared, Birmingham, Ala.; his uncle, Scotty Lindsey, Panama City Beach, Fla.; aunt: Betty (Bob) Grejda, Augusta, Ga.; and cousins: Jason Lindsey and Jeremy Lindsey, both of Panama City Beach, Bob (Robyn) Smith, Warner Robins, Ga.; Kelli Skinner, Augusta, Ga.; Tom Ryan, Martha Ryan, Mark Ryan and Patrick Ryan, all of Chicago, Ill.; and David Ryan, Lawrence, Kan.

JOHN FARRIS
Mr. John Farris, age 75, of Opp, Ala., died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 7, 2007 at Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel in Opp. Burial followed at Peaceful Acres with Wyatt Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Tracie Farris; two daughters: Jeannie (Denny) Hall and Anita (Michael) Jones; three brothers: Grady Farris, Ballard Farris and George Farris; two sisters: Lenora Reeves and Lois Kelley; three grandchildren: Josh Hall, Karloita Burgess, Olivia Jones; and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN MICHAEL JARED JR.
Mr. John Michael Jared Jr., age 17, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, July 6, 2007, at his home.



HOBSON ROBERTS
Roberts joins mission trip to Brazil in July

Briarwood Soccer Club, of Birmingham, is going on a Mission Trip to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, July 17-25, 2007. They have an ongoing partnership with Campus Outreach Brazil, a ministry to college students in Belo Horizonte to ensure long-term benefit to the kids they work with throughout the year. Both organizations are under the supervision of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. They will be playing soccer, teaching a soccer clinic, helping with Bible studies and serving kids in the villa (slum). It will be a very challenging trip for them. Hobson Roberts, son of Tate and Russ Roberts, of Chelsea, and grandson of Richard and Charlotte Hobson, will be going on this trip with his team.

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Survivors include two sons: Stevie (Sonya) Boutwell, Elba, Ala.; Scotty (Marie) Boutwell, Jack, Ala.; one daughter: Jeannette (Hector) Edwards, Florida; four grandchildren: Jeffrey Boutwell, Beverly Boutwell, Jessica Edwards and Brittany Edwards; two sisters: Pettie Lee Wambles and Willie Pearl Randall; one brother: R.P. Boutwell; and several nieces and nephews.

FRANKLIN B. BOWTWELL
Mr. Franklin B. Boutwell, age 74, of Opp, Ala., died Friday, July 6, 2007, in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 9, 2007 at Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp.

Survivors include his wife: Mavis Boutwell; two daughters: Elaine Beavers and Terry

McRobie; two sons: John and Frank J. Boutwell; one sister: Doris Mae Manna; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several in-laws, nieces and nephews.

DREXEL COOK
Mr. Drexel Cook of Elba, Ala. died Tuesday afternoon in Flowers Hospital. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home, Elba.

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Landmark Park offers Heeritage Forums in July

If interest in history, then Dothan's Landmark Park is the place to be each Sunday afternoon during the month of July. The park's annual series of "Heritage Forums" brings scholars, technical experts, and lay historians to lecture on state and local history. All the programs are free with park admission and begin at 3:00 pm in the Interpretive Center Auditorium.

JULY 8 - "Mill Village Life in Alabama"
JULY 15 - "He Knew The Value Of A Dollar: Dr. W. H. Turner, 1906-1998"
JULY 22 - "Cottonbox/Affro, Alabama: Precursor to the town of Slocumb."
JULY 29 - "Alabama Folk Pottery."
Admission to Landmark Park is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Landmark Park is located on US 431, three miles north of Dothan, s. Ross Clark Circle. For more information, contact the park office at 334-794-3452 or visit the park's website at www.landmarkpark.com <<http://www.landmarkpark.com>>

Note of Thanks
Sincere gratitude is extended to everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to our family during the illness and loss of our Mother. We will always remember your thoughtfulness.
The Claire A. Sessions family
Anita, Amelia and Annette

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TOWN

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there are funds available for such upgrades.

To have the building designated as an emergency shelter would be at little or no cost to the town, according to Roberts. She said the main thing for the town would be to recruit and train volunteers to operate the shelter if it is activated.

During the council meeting, Roberts said she was simply looking at this point for a show

of support from the town. The council gave her that support by unanimously approving the motion to work with the Red Cross on this project.

In regards to announcements, Mayor Cole reminded those in attendance that a downtown revitalization meeting will be held Tuesday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the new town hall.

The next council meeting will be Monday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m.

Application Process open for Habitat for Humanity House

The application process is open to those wishing to apply for the Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Elba. Interested families should stop by the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, in Elba, to pick up an application. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, July 31.



THE 4-H MEAT JUDGING TEAM RECENTLY PLACED FIRST AT DISTRICT COMPETITION. Members of the team are as follows: Front Row (left to right): Sam Boyd, Enterprise, Wyatt Moore, New Brockton and Kayley Moore, New Brockton; Back row (left to right): Ben Jones, Enterprise, Buddy Skipper, Enterprise, Claire Bailey, New Brockton, Christie Green, Zion Chapel and K.D. Barnes, Enterprise. Ben Jones, Christie Green, and Claire Bailey will represent Coffee County at the State Competition in Auburn later this month.

Fish stocking available for farm ponds

Effective September 1, 2007, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division will increase the fee for stocking private ponds in order to capture the cost of the program. A one-acre pond stocked with both bass and bream will cost \$140 and will cost \$70 stocked with bass only.

The fee structure will be a minimum of \$70 for ponds one-half acre or smaller, plus incremental adjustments of \$35 for each additional one-quarter surface acre for ponds five surface acres or smaller. For ponds larger than five surface acres, the fee will increase to \$140 per acre. Ponds stocked with bass only will cost one half of the full stocking fee.

This change reflects the WFF Division's continuing effort to provide private pond owners an opportunity to stock their ponds correctly and at an economical cost.

To request more information and an application form, contact the District Fisheries Office which serves your county. Remember, all applications must be received at the District Office by the February 1 deadline each stocking season: Fisheries District VI:

(Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties) 3520 Plaza Dr., Enterprise, AL 36330; 334-347-9467; michael.holley@dnr.alabama.gov

Coffee County School System to destroy inactive special education student records

The special education department of the Coffee County School System will destroy inactive special education student records during the week of Aug. 20, 2007.

All inactive confidential special education student records dated prior to school year 2000-2001 will be destroyed.

Free job skills training offered by LBWCC

LBW Community College offers Ready to Work, a free 10-week program to provide the skills required for entry-level employment with many Alabama businesses and industries.

Classes are available on the

Andalusia Campus or at the Luverne Center. Take the first step to a better future by calling (334) 881-2274 or 335-2187 to learn more. Classes begin soon and space is limited, so call today.

Identification will be required prior to release of records.

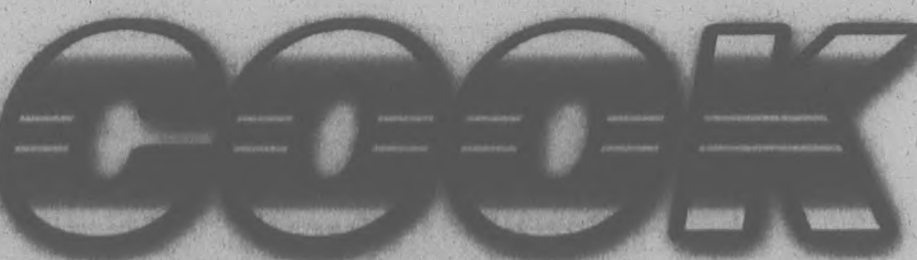
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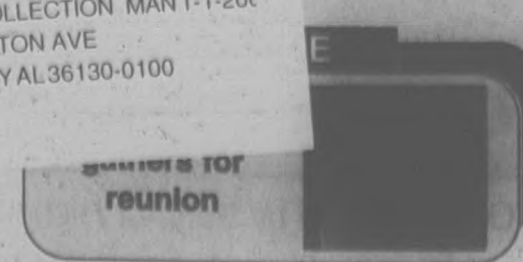
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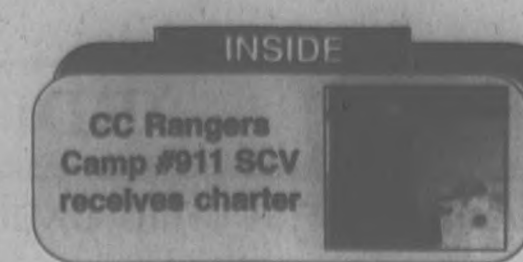


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2007 ISO rating inspection report draws difference of opinion among city officials

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Comments made during a recent Elba City Council meeting indicated Elba had not scored well on a just completed ISO rating inspection due to a lower than normal rating of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Danny Jordan later produced copies of the rating check from the 2007 inspection and the previous 1989 inspection. According to Jordan, com-

parison of the two reports shows that the fire department actually improved from 23.24 to 25.46. As the chief pointed out, comparing the two reports indicates the water supply inspection for the respective years shows a drop from 18.57 to 15.32 in 2007. This drop in points was due to low water pressure at each of nine fire hydrants checked by the inspector. The report shows one hydrant in a commercial area tested at a

flow of 410 gallons per minute (GPM), and the inspector required 3000 GPM to earn maximum points. According to the report, no test site met the required GPM. The score needed to lower the fire rating from a six to a five and ultimately drop the cost of fire insurance for local residents was 50. Elba's score was 46.31 in the 2007 inspection. That is down from 48.45 in 1989.

Wreck claims elderly couple

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A two-vehicle wreck Monday morning, July 16, claimed the lives of a Covington County couple and sent a Coffee County man to the hospital.

The wreck occurred at approximately 10:15 a.m. Monday, July 16, about two miles west of Enterprise on Alabama Highway 134 near Coffee County Road 617. It appeared as though the two vehicles collided head-on.

Killed as a result of the crash were Ralph Weeks, age 88, of Opp, Ala., and his wife Amy Strickland Weeks, age 70, of Opp. The couple were traveling in a 1992 Buick Regal.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Weeks reportedly were pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner (Enterprise Division) Robert Freachers.

Injured in the accident was Matthew Ryan Windham, age 24, of New Brockton. He was taken to Medical Center Enterprise for treatment of injuries sustained in the accident.

Windham was traveling in a 2005 Nissan Titan pickup truck.

Traffic along Hwy. 134 for diverted for several hours Monday as emergency personnel worked the scene and officers began their investigation into the cause of the fatal accident.

The accident remains under investigation by Alabama State Trooper David McGowan.

Several emergency personnel agencies responded to the scene including, the Enterprise

During Coffee County BOE meeting Football coach hired for Zion Chapel

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During a special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education last Thursday, July 12, board members gave their unanimous approval for the hiring of a new head football coach at Zion Chapel School.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram presented board members with a list of her recommendations for personnel. Included in that list was the recommendation to hire Thomas Boswell as the head football coach at Zion Chapel School.

Other personnel matters recommended by Ingram and approved by board members included:

Certificated

- Employ Traci Driver Bell as secondary teacher/part-time librarian/part-time remediation/ACCESS teacher at Kinston School;

- Employ Jeanette Fichter as a fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School;

- Employ Kimberly Braisted as a social studies teacher at Zion Chapel School

Support

- Employ Jimmy Ray Ward as a bus driver at Zion Chapel School, pending proper certification.

Dr. Ingram told board members there still are a few vacancies to be filled.

Also during Thursday's meeting, board members voted to declare the lunchroom addition project at Zion Chapel as an emergency project.

Dr. Ingram said she spoke with the state architect who in turn spoke with the state building commission and the project does qualify under the state's guidelines to be declared an emergency. The addition is needed because of growth at the school.

Dr. Ingram provided board members each with a draft copy of the new salary schedule for employees. She asked board members to look over the draft copy before the next board meeting.

Ingram said the salary schedule reflects the 7 percent pay raise for the 2007-08 school year and also reflects step increases added by the state. She also noted an adjustment to the nurses' salary to match the state as well as a few changes in regards to coaching supplements.

Board members voted to renew membership with the state school board association.

They also voted to nominate Lynn Baxley, Brian McCloud and Doyce Jones for consideration of appointment to the Coffee County Board of Equalization.

New Elba High School principal speaks to Kiwanis Club

Elba Kiwanis Club members welcomed the new Elba High School principal, Shane Casey, who spoke to the club about his new role during a recent club meeting.

Mr. Casey was one of two assistant principals at Elba High last year. He spent one year in Escambia County and 19 years as a math and physics teacher at Enterprise High School before coming to Elba.

Casey and his wife, who works in the office at Holly Hill Elementary School, have two sons. The oldest son graduated from Enterprise High School this year.

Casey reported that he is still learning and has a good staff helping him. He said they have been busy this summer revising the school handbook and the only significant changes concerned dress code and tardies.

Kiwanis Club sponsors the Key Club at EHS, and Mr. Casey said he supported student organizations such as the Key Club.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT board meeting will be Thursday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m., at City Center, 7813 Highway 87, Elba. The board will consider routine business and will review the status of conservation programs in Coffee County.

THE ELBA COMMUNITY RUGBY DRIVE will be held Monday, July 23, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., at 704 N. Church Ave., Elba. The drive will be for all items needed for the team which will be used for the upcoming season. The drive will be open to all who wish to contribute. For more information, contact the Elba Rugby Club at 334-347-9467 or visit www.elbarugby.com. Donations will be accepted by using a photo ID.



ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL TROY KING visited Elba last Wednesday, July 11, to film a news report with WAKA News 8 regarding the continuing court hearings and other delays in the scheduled execution of Billy Joe Magwood for the killing of Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham. Above WAKA reporter Lauren Bethune interviews General King with the old county jail in the background. Grantham was gunned down in front of the jail on Thursday morning of March 1st, 1979. This year an appeal which had been pending in federal court for years was answered and the sentence was overturned because the judge wrote that Alabama law did not call for the death penalty at the time of the shooting. King has repeatedly said he would appeal that ruling and continue to fight for the sentence to be carried out as directed by a Coffee County jury.

Governor announces grant for recreation park in Kinston

A Kinston park is about to get a facelift thanks to a federal grant, announced by Gov. Bob Riley.

The \$26,040 grant will be used for a rehabilitation project at Hefflin Smith's Sports Complex. Funds will be used to provide new amenities at the 15.7-acre park.

"Our outdoor recreational

facilities and organized sports have helped mold many Alabama children into outstanding citizens," Riley said. "This project will ensure that those opportunities are available for today's children and tomorrow's leaders. I am pleased to announce this project."

Also a connector walking trail will be built between two ballfields and a playground area

The project includes providing new roofing and concrete

flooring at four ballfield dugouts, renovating a concession stand, installing bleacher pads and building a concrete slab at a basketball court.

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Elba Fire Dept.

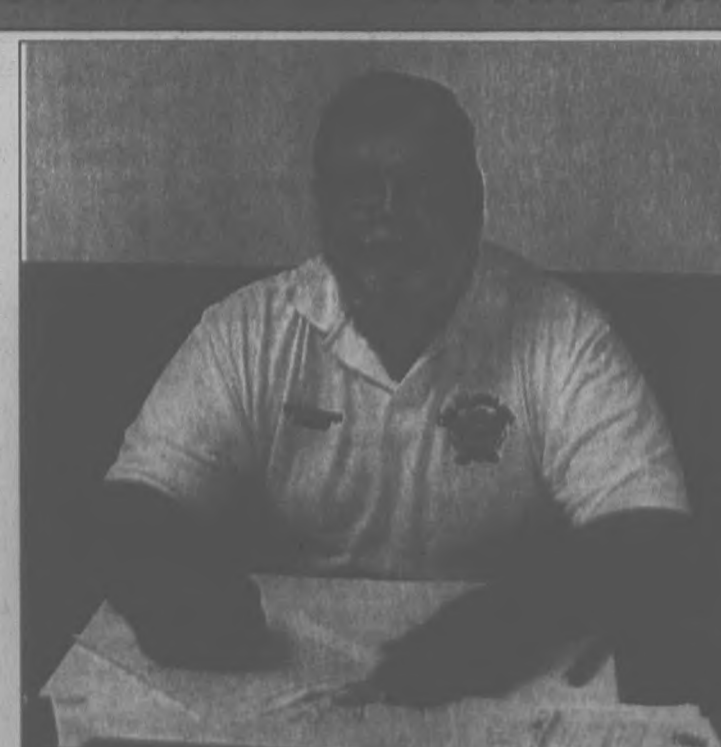
Danny Jordan joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department approximately 17 years ago. He currently serves as the city's fire chief.

Jordan's special training includes: State Certified Fire Officer II, HazMat Technician, and Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate. He has been involved with fire and emergency services since 1974 and recently retired from the Fort Rucker Fire Department after 32 years of service.

Chief Jordan said he enjoys working to receive grants and use the grant funds to better equip the Elba Fire Department. He said he wants to make the firefighters job as safe as he can by giving them the most efficient equipment out there today.

When asked what he enjoys most about the fire department, Jordan said, "being able to help others in their time of need."

Danny's family includes his wife, Sandra; son and daughter-



Chief Danny Jordan

in-law, Chris and Marsha; son, Jason, and grandchildren, Blake, Caleb and Montana.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing and "watching and playing with the grandkids."